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SUBJECT: ARGENTINE REACTION TO OVERTHROW OF ALLENDE GOVT.

1. ARGENTINE INTEREST IN EVENTS IN CHILE HAS BEEN INTENSE, WITH GREAT CROWDS AT THE BULLETIN BOARDS AND BANNER HEADLINES IN ALL PRESS. NUMEROUS PRESS ARTICLES GIVE CHRONOLOGY OF THE OVERTHROW, RECITE THE BACKGROUND OF THE PROBLEMS ALLENDE GOVT HAS BEEN CONFRONTING, AND DWELL PARTICULARLY ON ALLENDE AS A LEADER OF A PACIFIC REVOLUTION (SEE SEPTTEL).

2. ON EVENING OF SEP 11, A LARGE CROWD, WHICH GREW EVENTUALLY TO AN ESTIMATED 20,000, GATHERED IN FRON OF CHILEAN EMBASSY IN DEMONSTRATION OF SOLIDARITY WITH ALLENDE AND THEN MARCHED THROUGH DOWNTOWN AREA, PASSING WITHIN BLOCK OF US EMBASSY. PARTICIPANTS, LARGELY STUDENTS, BELONGED TO VARIOUS LEFT-WING YOUTH AND/OR POLITICAL GROUPS; MANY CARRIED COMMUNIST FLAGS AND SOME ERP BANNERS WERE REPORTED. AT THE OBELISK, THEY WERE

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JOINED BY A PERONIST YOUTH DEMONSTRATION AND ALL ENDED UP AT

THE PLAZA DE LA REPUBLICA WHERE A US FLAG WAS BURNED. THERE WERE NO DISORDERS AND NO POLICE INTERFERENCE.

3. THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES LAST NIGHT WITH ONLY TWO OPPOSING VOTES APPROVED AMID APPLAUSE A RESOLUTION WHICH EXPRESSED GRIEF OVER THE "FRUSTRATION OF THE HISTORIC CHILEAN PROCESS ON THE ROAD TO LIBERATION UNDERTAKEN BY ITS PEOPLE" AND SOLIDARITY WITH THE CHILEAN PEOPLE "TODAY THE TARGET OF ATTACK UNLEASHED BY IMPERIALISM AND OLIGARCHIC GROUPS".

4. WIDELY READ LA OPINION CARRIED NUMEROUS ARTICLES ON OVERTHROW, AMONG WHICH TWO ESPECIALLY NOTEWORTHY. ONE, BY RAFAEL ALONSO UNDER WASHINGTON DATELINE, HAS MISLEADING HEADLINE "WASHINGTON POST AFFIRM U.S. PARTICIPATION WAS DIRECT" AND CITES DIUGOOD ARTICLE (WHICH ACTUALLY ANTEDATED OVERTHROW) WHICH PREDICTED ALLENDE'S FALL AND MENTIONS AMONG OTHER REASONS, EFFECT OF U.S. SUSPENSION OF CREDITS. ALONSO STATES, "FROM OFFICIAL POINT OF VIEW, FALL OF ALLENDE HAS REPRESENTED A TRIUMPH FOR THE POLICY OF NIXON". OTHER ARTICLE CITES LEFTISTS' SUSPICIOUS OF HAND OF CIA AND BRAZIL AND VOICES CONCERN OVER "BRAZILIANIZATION" OF NEW CHILEAN REGIME, REVIVING SPECTRE OF A BRAZIL-CHILE ALLIANCE AGAINST ARGENTINA WHICH WOULD THUS COMPLETE ENCIRCLEMENT OF ARGENTINA BY MILITARY REGIMES. OPINES THIS THREAT TO "LATIN AMERICAN LIBERATION" MAY HELP PERON ELECTORALLY. COMMUNIST NUESTRA PALABRA PREDICTABLY ATTRIBUTES THE OVERTHROW TO THE YANKEE CIA".

5. PERON HIMSELF, IN INTERVIEW WITH YOUTH LEADERS ON SEPT. 8 (SEE BA-6653), IS SAID TO HAVE CRITICIZED ALLENDE AND PRAISED SLOWER TEMPO OF PERUVIAN REVOLUTION. PERON, URGING PATIENCE ON YOUTH, REPORTEDLY ATTRIBUTED ALLENDE'S PROBLEMS TO TOO MUCH HASTE IN PURSUING HIS OBJECTIVES. NONETHELESS, QUESTIONED BY REPORTERS THIS AFTERNOON, PERON SAID THAT WHILE HE COULD NOT ATTEST TO IT HE WAS CERTAIN IN HIS OWN MIND THAT U.S. WAS BEHIND ALLENDE'S OVERTHROW.

6. DESPITE REPORTS TO THE CONTRARY, THERE IS NOT YET ANY UNCLASSIFIED

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INDICATION OF WHAT POSITION THE GOA INTENDS TO TAKE OFFICIALLY. LODGE

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